

Beahm, William Henry

Heerman Veteran Gets Navy Release

BAINBRIDGE, Md.—Returning to-civilian life again after 18 months of action aboard the destroyer USS Heerman, William Henry Beahm, seaman first class, was honorably discharged from the Navy this week at the Bainbridge Separation Center. He rejoined his wife, Mrs. Mildred Beahm, at their home, 537 Wyandotte St., Bethlehem, Pa.

The Heerman assisted in the sinking of one Japanese cruiser and definitely destroyed one Jap dive bomber during the battle of Samar—a phase of one of the toughest sea engagements in naval history—the battle of Leyte Gulf. Beahm's ship was the only destroyer left out of three that contacted the "center force" of the Japanese fleet. Besides severe damage to the ship itself, four crewmen were killed and 10 were wounded.

Beahm holds the Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater ribbons and the Philippine Liberation bar.

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